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At the entrance to the city, at the Welcome to Belleville sign, is "Great Conversation" by Robert Garcia of Toledo, OH.



In front of Chase Bank, between two planters, is "Metropolis" by Israel and Eric Nordin of Detroit.



At Five Points is "Blast" by Ray Katz of Pontiac, MI.



At the parking lot side of the Fourth Street Square is "Heavy Metal" by Robert Pollack of Grand Ledge, MI.



At Horizon Park on High Street is "Ghost Laker" by Laila Voss of Cleveland, OH.



At the Main Street sidewalk on Fourth Street Square is "Area 51" by Todd Kime of Ottawa Hills, OH.

Sculptures arrive

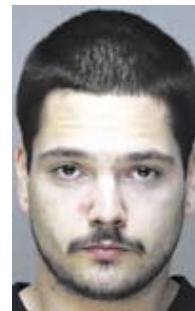
On Friday, six sculptures were installed in downtown Belleville as part of the Downtown Development Authority's agreement with the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. The sculptures are on loan to the City of Belleville for one year. The loan was made possible by 15 donations from the community, along with DDA funds.

Belleville shooting suspect held on \$500,000 bond

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Billy Ray Patrick, II, age 22, was arraigned May 15 on a charge of attempted murder that could send him to prison for the rest of his life if he is found guilty.

He also was arraigned on three other felony charges.



Patrick

Patrick is accused of shooting 16-year-old Thomas Strunk in the face on May 12 on West Columbia Avenue in the city of Belleville. Strunk is a student at Belleville High School and both Patrick and Strunk live within the city of Belleville.

Patrick's video arraignment was conducted in Judge David Parrott's courtroom at 34th District Court in Romulus.

An intergovernmental agreement is in place between Van Buren Township and

the City of Belleville for the township to provide emergency dispatch and lockup services for the city. For that reason, Patrick's video arraignment was conducted from the VBT police department.

Patrick stood before the camera looking very distraught as Judge Parrott read the charges:

- Attempting to commit murder – could be sentenced to life;
- Assault to do great bodily harm, less than murder – up to 10 years;
- Assault with a dangerous weapon – up to 4 years; and
- Carrying a pistol at the time to commit murder - 2 years.

Judge Parrott set Patrick's preliminary exam for May 28, after noting that Patrick had signed papers requesting a court-appointed attorney.

Judge Parrott set bond at \$500,000 or 10%, saying these were extremely serious charges and a high cash bond was

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Memorial Day: Time for the 10th-annual Thunder Rolls in Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

David C. Brown Funeral Home and the Brown Family Center are sponsoring the 10th-annual Motorcycle Ride and Memorial Day Service to honor veterans.

On Monday, motorcyclists will start registering at 11 a.m. for the 27.8-mile ride at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township, north of I-94.

The riders will pay \$10 per person, which all will go to help veterans and their

families. Each paying rider will receive a commemorative pin.

Throughout the years people have waited along the route to applaud the bikers and wave American flags at them.

The police-assisted ride will go south on Haggerty road to Harris Road, west to Martinsville and then south to Willis Road. They will take Willis west to Sumpter Road and then head south on Sumpter to Oakville Waltz Road and head west on Oakville Waltz to Rawsonville Road,

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Judges are Grand Marshals of Sumpter Fest Parade on Sat.

The three judges at the 34th District Court in Romulus have been chosen to be Grand Marshals of Saturday's Sumpter Country Fest parade.

The parade starts south on Sumpter Road from Judd Road at noon, heading to the fairgrounds at the community center.

Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green

Judge Tina Brooks Green attended Eastern Michigan University for undergraduate school and attended the University of Detroit Law School.

She has worked for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor and served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Attorney General's Office. She has also been in private practice.

She was elected to the bench at the 34th District Court in November of 1994. Since that time, Judge Green has consistently remained active in the communities that she serves.

She is the Vice-Chair/Parade Chair for the Huron Township Applefest and she is the Parade Chair for the Belleville Strawberry Festival.

She has operated a highly successful Sobriety Court for the past 12 years.

The Court serves the communities of Romulus, Van Buren, Belleville, Sumpter, and Huron. Judge Green can be found in



Grand Marshals are, from left, Judge David M. Parrott, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, and Judge Brian A. Oakley.

Courtroom #3 of the 34th District Court.

She is currently serving her tenth term as Chief Judge, appointed by the Supreme Court.

Judge Brian A. Oakley

Judge Brian A. Oakley joined the 34th District Court bench in January 1999, following 11 years of private practice.

Judge Oakley has been married to his wife Susanne for 24 years and they have one daughter, Cheyenne, who is an elementary school teacher.

Judge Oakley enjoys working with young people. He frequently visits local schools and runs both the Teen Court and Juvenile Offender Programs at the court.

Judge Oakley is active in his church and community, and loves the outdoors and travelling. He is currently president of the Michigan District Judge Association.

Judge David M. Parrott

Judge David M. Parrott has served the communities of Belleville, Huron, Romulus, Sumpter and Van Buren as one of the 34th District Court's team of experienced judges for nearly 12 years.

He was first elected in 2002, was re-elected in 2008 and is seeking re-election this year.

Judge Parrott is responsible for creating and overseeing the domestic violence "batterers court" program at the 34th District Court that concentrates on rehabilitating aggravated and repeat offenders.

He is a past president of the Wayne County District Judges Association, a member of the Board of Governors of the American Judges Association and a member of the Michigan Court Forms Committee.

Judge Parrott is active in the community as a long-time member of the Belleville Rotary Club, Huron Valley Conservation Association, Romulus/Donahey Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council, Belleville / Sumpter Moose, Van Buren Eagles, and BYC.

Jim, Joanne Posegay to lead Sumpter parade as Honored Citizens

"United We Stand" is the theme for this year's Sumpter Country Festival and that theme pretty much says it all for Jim and Joanne Posegay, the 2014 Honored Citizens.

The Posegays will be leading the Country Fest parade, which begins at noon on Saturday heading north to the fairgrounds on Sumpter Road from Judd.

The Posegays tell their story:

We have been standing together since our first date Feb. 26, 1955 when Jim Posegay took Joanne Sala to an Ice Review at Olympia Stadium in Detroit.

We were married in 1961 and have remained Sumpter residents, living and raising our family in our home on Rymut Drive which was named after Joanne's maternal grandfather: John T. Rymut.

Jim's family moved to a small farm on the corner of Judd and Martinsville roads in Sumpter Township in 1944. He attended Martinsville School until the ninth grade, then he went to Belleville High School and graduated in 1953.

The Posegay family was very involved in the school system, Martinsville 4-H Club, and the Wayne County Service Club.

Joanne's family has been Sumpter



Jim and Joanne Posegay

residents since 1916 when the Sala families homesteaded properties on Bohn (pronounced Bone) Road. Joanne attended the old West Sumpter School on Wear Road (as did her parents), went on to the then "new" Sumpter School on Sumpter Road which is now the Sumpter Community

Center, and then to BHS where she graduated in 1957. Both Jim and Joanne have been very involved in the planning of their class reunions.

Jim proudly served in the Armor Division of the U.S. Army. He was stationed at the Tank Training Center at Fort Knox, KY. When he was 19, Jim started working for General Motors at the old Willow Run Hydra Matic Plant as a lay-out inspector of specifications.

Through the years, he advanced to an executive position in the GM Production Planning International Program of Future Products. His job took him to GM plants throughout the U.S., in several foreign countries, and all the way to the North Pole. Except for the two years spent in the army, Jim worked for GM until his retirement in 1991 after 36 years of service.

Joanne was a volunteer librarian at the Elwell Elementary School for many years, was a very active PTO member, and a dedicated Girl Scout mother. She was a secretary, worked as a caterer, and manned a vending location. She was also an employee of American Express Travel Ticketing Department. Joanne is very proud of her heritage, home, and family.

We were blessed with three beautiful daughters.

Our first Lynne and her husband Richard Mills live in Northern Michigan and love it. Our second daughter Lori and her husband Christopher DeMond and our "Very Special" grandson James Christopher DeMond have chosen to remain in Sumpter, as has our third daughter Lisa Posegay.

We go up north, to our place in Alba, as often as we can and like walking in the woods, hanging out together, and spending time with our family. We enjoy the 1958 Chevrolet Impala that we acquired 37 years ago. It is almost exactly like the one we had back in 1958. We also like country music and dancing. Especially the dancing!

You will find us at most township events. We are proud to be dedicated volunteers of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission and we do as much as we can to help provide meaningful and entertaining events for the community.

We have been married 53 years and can still say, "United We Stand."

-- Jim and Joanne Posegay

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Letters

In support of fired fire fighter Tony Karver

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago, a front-page story told that Tony Karver of the Van Buren Fire Department had his employment terminated after serving many years.

I know Tony as one of the hardest-working young men that loved his job and loved serving Van Buren Township in community service, as well as the fire department.

I don't know anything about job qualifications or Van Buren politics, but I read that Tony has hired a very capable attorney to get his job back. Van Buren Township has a history of losing these kinds of cases.

Thank you,
Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Vote NO, NO, and NO on all these new taxes

To the Editor:

Thanks "Frequent User" and "Cornell Anton, Jr." for bringing attention to the reality of the library millage.

Every time this township needs money, the property tax is the way to go. When are we going to wake up? Anyone can do the job if all you have to do is increase property taxes when money is needed. Why can't our leaders be more creative?

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Syd Stewart
Sumpter Township

Join me in supporting a YES vote for our library

To the Editor:

I have had a library card ever since I was a young girl in the 1940s. Our children and grandchildren have all gone to library story hours in their day. And, to this day, we all continue to use our library cards a lot.

I am so impressed by all of the hard work that the Library Board has done in connection with the siting of the new library and in getting all of the paperwork done that is necessary for the upcoming August vote on the millage to build, support, and maintain the new library.

I am absolutely delighted to have my tax dollars go to support the new library, which will benefit all of the citizens of Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren Township.

Please join me in supporting our beautiful new library-on-the-lake with a YES vote on the library millage proposal on Aug. 5.

Martha M. Wilson
Van Buren Township

Bottle drive to help my final training in KY

Dear Editor,

Hello, local readers. My name is Jacqueline Riley, but in the Army Cadet program I am known as Cadet First Sergeant Riley.

I will be conducting a bottle and can drive on June 4 in Victory Park at Five Points to help defer costs of my fifth and final annual training in Millersburg, KY.

Annual training is expensive; my goal is to meet the \$650 registration fee. I will be accepting returnables between the hours of 5 and 7:30 p.m. and any monetary donations will be appreciated.

I will display some of my Army gear and will be there to chat about my experiences, future plans, and aspirations. Being a young, 17-year-old, female in this program is always a challenge, but those challenges only make me a stronger leader. Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you on June 4.

Jacqueline R. Riley
Van Buren Township

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Well, Pastor Travis doesn't want a cat for himself and he doesn't think another feral cat should be running around, so he is offering it to anyone who wants it.

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Obituaries



Joan R. Barton

JOAN RAMELLE BARTON

(June 28, 1929 - May 8, 2014)

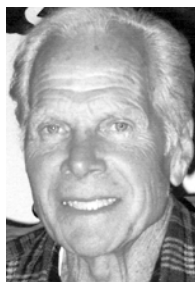
Joan R. Barton, age 84, a resident of Belleville, passed away on May 8, 2014 at the Regency at Canton Skilled Nursing Facility where she was in Arbor Hospice care. She was born June 28, 1929 in Kalamazoo, MI to Ralph and Kathrine (Pashby) Barkley.

She graduated from Kalamazoo Central High and American Beauty Academy. She lived in Richland, MI most of her adult life and was a life-long member of Yorkville Community Church. She retired from Meijer, Inc. and moved to Naples, FL following the death of her husband Arthur Barton 25 years ago.

She returned to Michigan nine years ago where she enjoyed participating in the many Belleville Co-op Apartments activities. The hobbies she loved were sewing, knitting, making and collecting dolls/bears, restoring furniture, playing the organ and playing card games.

She is survived by one brother, Richard H. Barkley of Naples, FL; four daughters Toni (Mike) Ehlers Hartke of Plymouth, MI, Denise (Geoff) Ehlers Baer of Stafford, VA, Brenda (Ron) Barton Huggett of Augusta, MI, and Rhonda (Todd) Barton DeWaters of Richland, MI; ten grandchildren David (Jamie) Baer of Manassas, VA, Jennifer (Andy) Hartke Hetzel of Plymouth, MI, Brandon (Amanda) Hartke of Novi, MI, Geoffrey Baer II of Charleston, SC, Joe (Ashley) Baer of Stafford, VA, Lane (Justin) Huggett Engstrom of Delton, MI, Hunter Huggett of Augusta, MI, and Emily, Anna & Audrey DeWaters of Richland, MI; and ten great-grandchildren Ashleigh, Brooke, Zoe, Lillian, Addison, Sydney, Jack, Elizabeth, Luke and Elsie.

A memorial service and burial will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, MI on Friday, May 23 at 2 p.m. Donations can be made in her memory to Arbor Hospice Foundation, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.



Donald N. Keene

DONALD N. KEENE

(May 7, 1928 - May 15, 2014)

Donald N. Keene, age 86, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2014 at his home. He was born Monday, May 7, 1928 in Detroit, MI, son of the late Earl and Ruth (Nugent) Keene.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Emmy (McKenzie) Keene of Augusta Township, MI; two children, Debora (Benjamin) Czinski of Columbiaville, MI and Thomas (Karen) Keene of Waterloo, MI; four grandchildren Anna, Aarin, Patrick, and Casey; two great-grandchildren Jasper and Marla; a brother Earl (Claudelle) Keene of Sebring, FL; two nieces Claudia and Christy, and a nephew Earl, Jr.

Donald enjoyed serving on the Livonia Fire Department for 27 years. He also worked for Martin & Sons in Belleville. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial Service for Donald will be held Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 11 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions to Trinity Episcopal Church would be appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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Robert "Rusty" Cordone

ROBERT 'RUSTY' CORDONE

(August 15, 1947 - May 13, 2014)

Robert Wayne "Rusty" Cordone, age 66, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at his home. He was born August 15, 1947 in Detroit, MI, son of Arthur Michael and Wilda Coy "DeeDee" (Austin) Cordone.

Rusty was a retired Michigan State K-9 Trooper. He also worked for Homeland Security, MGM and drove an ambulance. He managed the Clark Gas Station in Belleville for a few years and owned and operated his own Sunoco in Belleville and another station in Royal Oak. Rusty enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas, going to the casinos, shooting with his son Dustin at the gun range, boating and riding his lawn mower. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Rusty is survived by his wife Theresa (Werstein) Cordone, 5 children Renee, Carrie, Tiffany, Dustin and Crista, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, a sister Karen Meck of Jackson, MI, brother Mike (Linda) Cordone of Royal Oak, MI, nephew Coy, niece Carol, in-laws Ken, Marvin (Robin) and Paul Werstein, also his special (dog) companion, Maggie. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law Karen Werstein, also brother-in-law Timothy Werstein.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Friday and 10-11 AM Saturday at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville with an 11 AM Funeral Saturday,

May 17, 2014. Entombment was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Cardiac Unit, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for the family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

SHIRLEY ANN SANDUSKY

(October 29, 1945 - May 10, 2014)

Age 68, of The Villages, FL. Moved there in 2003 from Belleville. She was a retired bookkeeper. Survived by sons Sammy and Craig, sister Linda, brother Jerry, six grandchildren, and great-grandson Joshua.

PHILLIP ANDREW SMITH

(January 20, 1959 - May 19, 2014)

Phillip Andrew Smith, age 55, of Taylor, MI, passed away Monday, May 19, 2014 at his home. He was born January 20, 1959 in Detroit, MI, son of Jesse James and Joyce (Kent) Smith.

Mr. Smith formerly lived in Ypsilanti, MI. He was a Certified Master Mechanic who worked at Belleville's 5 Points Marathon Station for over 12 years.

He is survived by three sons Kyle (Stephanie) Smith of Ypsilanti, MI, Daniel (Michelle) Smith of Newtazwell, TN and Glenn Smith of Belleville; his mother Joyce Smith; two brothers Tim (Gale) Smith and David Smith, both of Mayland, TN; a sister Jeanitta (Ed) Rittinghouse of Sumpter Township, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at

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Schedule of Events – May 22nd - May 26th



Thursday, May 22

Carnival Opens @ 5pm – Close

Friday, May 23

Festival Opens @ 5pm – Close 12 Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

D.J./Karaoke – Big D

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Royalty Pageant

Live Music – Seventh Alley Band

5pm – Close

5pm – 7pm

5pm – 9pm

5pm – Close

5pm – Close

7pm – 8pm

8pm – Close

Saturday, May 24

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Parade (From Sumpter Rd. & Judd Rd to Dunn Rd.)

To Be Announced by Randy Brown

Parade presentations immediately following parade

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)

12pm – Close

12pm

1:30pm

12pm – 9pm

12pm – Close

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Sunday, May 25

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 12 Midnight

Car Show (10am Registration)

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

D.J./Karaoke – Big D

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Live Music – Big Ray and the Motor City Kings

Live Music – TJ Thomas and the Kentucky Strait Band

Fireworks

12pm – 4pm

12pm – Close

12pm – 4pm

12pm – 9pm

12pm – Close

12pm – 10pm

3pm – 7pm

8pm – Close

Dusk

Monday, May 26

Festival Opens @ 12pm – Close 10pm

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

D.J./Karaoke – Big D

Baby Contest

Bingo

Baby Contest Awards & Raffle Winners Announced

Silent Auction Final Bid

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6pm – Close

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On May 14, Judge David Parrott was handling all arraignments at the 34th District Court and he arraigned **Jeremy David McLaughlin**, 25, by video from the Van Buren Township police lockup.

McLaughlin is known as a habitual offender with his first, 2nd-degree home invasion in August 2011. McLaughlin was arraigned May 14 on another 2nd-degree home invasion and stealing jewelry and a computer valued at over \$1,000 at 11160 Jackson Road.

Judge Parrott set May 28 for McLaughlin's preliminary exam. The VBT police department recommended a \$5,000 or 10% cash bond which Judge Parrott said was very reasonable considering it was McLaughlin's second offence.

Judge Brian Oakley was handling other pretrial and preliminary exams on May 14 and **Brian Paul Blair**, 32, was before him for charges from Van Buren Township police.

Blair was in court for operating while

intoxicated-3rd. and driving while license suspended-2nd. His last arrest for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, an OWI-2nd misdemeanor, was one month ago in Romulus and Judge Tina Brooks Green sentenced him to 30 days in jail.

Blair was arrested again on May 3 for OWI-3rd, which is a felony. Blair's court appointed attorney David Lankford asked Judge Oakley to waive the preliminary exam on the felony, sending the case to circuit court at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for a May 28 arraignment on the information.

Judge Oakley continued Blair's \$5,000 or 10% bond.

After dealing with the OWI-3rd felony charge, Judge Oakley told Blair the OWI-2nd misdemeanor case needed to be addressed.

Judge Oakley asked if he wanted to speak with an attorney beforehand and Jeffery Bowdich, court appointed attorney for misdemeanors, was called to the courtroom.

After a short conference Bowdich and Blair requested a couple of days for Blair to get his affairs in order before serving his 30 days on the April case. Judge Oakley agreed, ordering Blair to appear on Monday, May 19, at 9 a.m. to start his jail sentence.

In a plea agreement, **Brian Joseph Enschr**, 24, pled guilty to attempted possession of controlled substance and guilty to operating while visibly impaired by drugs in Van Buren Township.

Judge Oakley referred Enschr to the probation department for a pre-sentence interview and to set up a sentencing date. Enschr's conditional personal bond continued with no use of any substances, drugs or alcohol.

Five Belleville students earn degrees from University of Detroit

Five Belleville students earned degrees during May 9 and 10 commencement ceremonies at the University of Detroit Mercy:

- James Stevens earned a Master of Science in Product Development.
- Talia Lampley earned a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesiology.
- Niema Harvey earned a Bachelor of Science.
- Alisa Smith earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice.
- Marilyn Brown earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The University of Detroit Mercy is Michigan's largest, private Catholic University with more than 100 academic majors and programs. Sponsored by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and the Sisters of Mercy, the University has campuses located in downtown and northwest Detroit.

Obituaries



Veronica Pearl "Viola"
Dyer

VERONICA 'VIOLA' DYER

(September 22, 1919 - May 18, 2014)

Veronica Pearl "Viola" Dyer, age 94, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away Sunday, May 18, 2014 at her home. She was born September 22, 1919 in Carleton, MI, daughter of the late George and Catherine (Bund) Fay.

Viola loved baseball and never missed watching a Detroit Tiger game. She was an avid reader who enjoyed playing Skip Bo, Yahtzee and loved Bingo.

She is survived by 7 children Theodore (Debra) Dyer, Marilyn Stoltz, Bernice Dyer, all of Belleville, MI, Richard Dyer of New Boston, MI, Evonne Burton of Hillsdale, MI, Tamara (Jerry) Cleveland of Taylor, MI and Curt (Jodi) Dyer of Belleville, MI; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister Ileen Simpkins of Hillman, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews and friends.

Viola was preceded in death by her husband Vilas "Ted" Dyer on March 23, 1984, two brothers Ralph and Francis Fay, a sister Marie Hopkins, also a son-in-law George Stoltz.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Wednesday with a 7 PM Scripture Service, and 10-11 AM Thursday, May 22, 2014 with an 11 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel. Father Thomas H. Cusick will officiate. Interment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or St. Anthony Catholic Church, and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to cherish at www.davebrownfh.com.

CONNOR WILLIAM HURLEY

(December 17, 2013 - May 17, 2014)

Age 5 months, at Motts Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Survived by parents Donald and Amanda Hurley, Jr., two sisters, a brother, grandparents and great-grandparents. Service at 1 p.m. May 24 at Metro Baptist Church.



Robert A. Hay

ROBERT ALLAN HAY

(August 3, 1914 - May 14, 2014)

Mr. Robert Allan Hay, age 99, passed away May 14, 2014 at Allegiance Hospice in Jackson, MI. He was born August 3, 1914 in Detroit, MI, a son of Alfred and Lillian (Westbrooke) Hay. In 1937 he married Elizabeth Jane Kerbyson in Belleville, moving to Belleville in 1946. They moved to Indian River following retirement from 1976 to 2012, when Mr. Hay moved to an assisted living home in Jackson. Mrs. Hay preceded him in death in 1997.

Mr. Hay was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. He was a Past Master of Myrtle Lodge #89 F&AM. He was a past secretary of the Van Buren Public School Board, serving on the board for 17 years.

Prior to his retirement in 1974 he was the owner of Robert A. Hay Plumbing & Heating in Belleville for many years. Following his retirement he took up construction which he enjoyed very much.

Mr. Hay is survived by his loving son John (Kathy) Hay. He was a fond grandfather of seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Brother of Frederick Hay and Jack Hay.

He is preceded in death by two children, Beth Ann Hay and Robert A. Hay, II; and two brothers Gordon Hay and Hazen Hay.

Visitation was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Higerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 11 A.M. at the funeral home. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

The family has requested memorial contributions to the National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD 21714-5018 in lieu of flowers.

CAMERON WILLIAM STOCKWELL

(July 24, 1961 - May 12, 2014)

Age 52, passed away on Lake Michigan doing what he loved. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved boating and sailing. Survived by daughter, fiancé, 5 siblings. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Thunder Rolls

(continued from page 1)

which they will take north to West Huron River Drive and then east into the City of Belleville and High Street.

When the motorcycle contingent gets to the Veteran's Memorial in Horizon Park, at about 2-2:30 p.m., the Memorial Day service will begin.

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Kathie Steigerwald, representing Brown Funeral Home and Family Center, said the event started ten years ago when the World War II monument was dedicated in Washington, D.C., with the Rolling Thunder motorcycle ride.

Steigerwald said the National Funeral Directors Association raised over \$4 million for the monument. She said she couldn't go to Washington, so she decided to do it here in Belleville.

The first year the event started at Hillside Cemetery and came to the Veterans' Monument. It was called Rolling Thunder and later she was advised that was an infringement on the copyright of the name.

An official came to see Steigerwald and he was very impressed that she had all the bikers sign waivers and that 100% of the money collected went to the veterans. He took the situation back to the national organization and it chose Belleville's name for the event: Thunder Rolls.

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Correction: City will enforce restrictions on pets, bikes, rollerblades

Independent, we wrote that the city council turned down enforcement of restrictions against pets, bikes, and rollerblades during the upcoming National Strawberry Festival.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said

although that was discussed during the May 5 city council meeting, the council decided to enforce those regulations.

But, the city is not going to stop people from passing out handbills, she said.

Strawberry Festival officer Sharon Pokerwinski told the *Independent* that the festival will allow religious tracts to be passed out, but not business flyers. She said the vendors pay to have spaces at the festival and it wouldn't be fair to let others advertise their businesses free of charge next to those who paid to be there.

Although the beer tent at St. Anthony's is authorized by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission from 3 p.m. to midnight on Friday, noon to midnight on Saturday, and noon until 8 p.m. on Sunday, the beer tent will not open until 5 p.m. on Friday.

At the May 5 council meeting it was said that School Supt. Michael Van Tassel signed off with the LCC on opening the beer tent at 3 p.m. on Friday, since school will still be in session. Pokerwinski said although they could open sooner, the beer tent will not open until 5 p.m. on Friday.

The carnival opens at noon on Friday because of the contracts. School is in session until June 19 because of all the snow days taken during the harsh winter.

In our story we quoted Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley: "And, music shall end by 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday."

Pokerwinski said the music at the beer tent will play until 11 p.m., both nights.

-- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, May 28th, 2014, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1992	HONDA	4D	JHMEH9595NS002282	14-5115
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At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1988	FORD	4D	1FABP52U9JG260543	14-1598
2013	NISSAN	4D	1N4AL3AP7DN488869	14-4085
2000	DODGE	SW	2B4GP45G1YR657329	14-4441
2000	FORD	2D	3FAKP1132YR215318	14-4728
2006	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT58K269107577	14-5844
2003	DODGE	2D	4B3AG42G83E162287	14-5898
2001	FORD	4D	1FAHP56S21G106050	14-6007
2010	DODGE	SW	3D4PG5FV0AT180064	14-6007
1998	NISSAN	4D	1N4AB14D0WC757842	14-5628

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: May 22, 2014

JOIN THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PROMOTING HEAT AWARENESS DAY ON MAY 23RD

Extreme Heat Can Cause Death!

- About 120 people in the U.S. die each year from extreme heat. Michigan averages about 4 heat related deaths each year. Heat deaths and injuries are usually underreported.
- Most heat related deaths occur in people's homes and in people over the age of 40.
- Every location in Michigan has experienced 100 degree heat sometime in the past.
- Metro Detroit experiences about twelve 90+ degree days per year.
- Southern Lower Michigan experiences seven to twelve 90+ degrees days per year.
- Northern Lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula experiences about five 90+ degree days per year.
- Warm nights with temperatures above 70° hinders the body's ability to cool and creating even more heat stress for the next day.

Watches, Advisories and Warnings

- Excessive Heat Watch** - Issued when the Heat Index (HI) may be at least 105° within the next 2 to 3 days.
- Heat Advisory** - Issued when the HI is expected to be at least 100° for 3 hours or more. Can be issued with lower criteria with successive days heat.
- Excessive Heat Warning** - Issued when the HI is expected to be at least 105° for 3 hours or more. Can be issued with lower criteria with successive days heat.

Actions to Prevent Heat Disorders

- Hydrate** -
 - Drink plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty!
 - Avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or lots of sugar.
- Educate** -
 - Know the latest temperature and heat index forecasts and values.
 - Find a cool place where you will be able to get out of the heat.
 - Know the warning signs of heat illness.
- Act quickly** -
 - Get medical help right away for any of these warning signs: Dry hot skin, heavy sweating, rapid breathing, rapid heartbeat, cramping, nausea, dizziness, confusion and exhaustion.
- Take it easy** -
 - Avoid over exertion especially between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm. Take breaks at least hourly in the shade or in an air conditioned location.
 - Stay out of the sun and stay in a cooled building as much as possible.
 - Use a fan only when the windows are open or when the air conditioner is on.

What is the Heat Index?

The heat index (HI) is a calculation of how hot it feels by combining the effect of high temperatures and humidity.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2014-15 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI, to consider the proposed 2014-15 City Budget.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$2,095,585 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2014-15 City property tax levy of 18.126 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 18.126 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDS.
General Fund	\$ 2,085,399	\$ 2,095,585
Major Street Fund	\$ 159,000	\$ 138,968
Local Street Fund	\$ 97,000	\$ 71,596
Cemetery Fund	\$ 78,050	\$ 72,368
Sanitation Fund	\$ 224,604	\$ 221,762
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 80,000	\$ 104,990
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 63,220	\$ 36,520
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 437,188	\$ 575,793
DDA Debt Service Fund	\$ 339,045	\$ 339,045

A complete copy of the proposed 2014-15 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Lisa Long
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish 5/22/2014

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The 2014 **Sumpter Fest** gets under way today at the Township Fairgrounds on Sumpter Road. See their half page ad for the complete schedule. The parade kicks off events on Saturday at noon. Call (734) 461-6201.

Summer Camp registration is under way at **Open Arms Lutheran Church** on Belleville Road. The cost is \$38 per day for kids exiting Kindergarten through age 12. Activities include field trips, gardening, photography, art, service projects, games and more. Limited space is available. To sign up or for more info, call (734) 699-5000 or visit www.openarmscenter.com.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Friday, May 23 to Monday, May 26** – It's time for the annual Sumpter Township Country Fest. The parade is at noon on Saturday.
- **Monday, May 26** – It's Memorial Day and time for the tenth-annual Thunder Rolls in Belleville. Motorcyclists take a one-hour, police escorted trip around Van Buren Township starting at 11 a.m. from Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road. The motorcyclists get into Belleville between 2 and 2:30 p.m. and then the Memorial Day ceremony begins at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park.

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May 24 - Margaret Trittenden

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, May 11:
0016 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
0038 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
1208 – malicious destruction of property, Holly Ln
1535 – assault & battery, Western St.
1615 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1640 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.
1803 – assault & battery, E. Walden Dr.
2000 – noise complaint, Hull Rd.
2310 – intimidation threat, Brookside Dr.

Monday, May 12:
0511 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
0644 – shots fired, Arthur St.
0918 – disturbance, N. Purple Sage Ct.
1247 – larceny, Southport 17
1336 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1541 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
1712 – breaking & entering, Sheldon Rd.
1716 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

Dr. / Independence
1819 – neighbor trouble, Elwell Rd.
1822 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1902 – mental, Oak Ln.
1914 – disturbance, Westlake
1922 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1934 – assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
1955 – operating while intoxicated, Chaney Ave.
2030 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2205 – suicide or attempt, Meadows Ln.
2245 – suspicious vehicle, Tyler School
2258 – disturbance, Oak Ln.
2332 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.

Tuesday, May 13:
0005 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0700 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0746 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Daisy
0802 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0814 – larceny from auto, Beckley
1024 – agency assist, Sadie Ln.
1218 – property damage accident, McBride Middle School
1422 – sexual assault, McBride Ave.
1439 – disturbance, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
1833 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.

1903 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Maurice Dr.
2325 – malicious destruction of property, Birch Dr.
Wednesday, May 14:
1159 – fraud, Belmont Dr.
1359 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1610 – suspicious person, Purple Sage
1801 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1818 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
1847 – sexual assault, Meadows Cir.
1909 – missing person, Aspen
2008 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2104 – intimidation threat, Wildrye Ct.
2106 – fraud, Togowtee Pass

Thursday, May 15:
0444 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
0833 – personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
1121 – disorderly conduct, National RV
1206 – private property accident, Samuel Barton
1447 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1525 – personal injury accident, EB I-94/Belleville
1536 – trespassing, Maurice Dr.
1809 – property damage accident, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.
1810 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Water’s Edge Ln.
2140 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1001 – panic alarm, Denton Rd.
1110 – property damage accident, Sadie Ln. / Anna Dr.

1231 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1424 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1436 – agency assist, Daisy
1736 – intimidation threat, Sadie Ln.
1834 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.
1846 – intimidation threat, McBride Ave.
2010 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2040 – suicide or attempt, S. Bellridge Dr.

2111 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr.
Saturday, May 17:
0118 – shots fired, Tyler Rd.
0210 – personal injury accident, Denton Rd.
0919 – malicious destruction of property, Denton Rd.
0922 – suspicious vehicle, SB Belleville/I-94
0946 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1001 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1122 – fraud, Jackson St.
1147 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1150 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Archwood
1216 – suicide or attempt, Anna Dr.
1220 – larceny from auto, Oak
1405 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1442 – intimidation threat, Sylvia Dr.
1508 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1702 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coca-Cola Dr.

1731 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1907 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2059 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
2119 – fraud, E. Archwood Dr.
2138 – noise complaint, Village Green
2159 – fraud, Tyler Rd.
2158 – suspicious situation, Maria’s Bakery
Also on this week’s log are 161 traffic stops which include 12 on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 11:
0039 – suspicious vehicle, Victory Park
0042 – noise complaint, Astor
0100 – civil matter, Johnny’s
0235 – suspicious situation, Johnny’s
0913 – civil matter, W. Wabash Ave.
1255 – breaking & entering, Main St.
1316 – civil matter, Henry St.
1725 – warrant arrest, Tyler
1953 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, May 12:
0055 – suspicious situation, DPW yard
0820 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
0947 – animal complaint, Edison Ave.
1034 – found property, Main St.
1520 – warrant arrest, Main ST.
1637 – suspicious person, Robbe St.
1715 – agency assist, Sheldon
1813 – shots fired, W. Columbia Ave.
1923 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
2215 – agency assist, Main/Third

Tuesday, May 13:
1503 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1805 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, May 14:
0129 – suspicious person, Wabash Ave.
0315 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1337 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1441 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1934 – dumping complaint, Sumpter Rd.
2127 – suspicious person, Clarence St.

Thursday, May 15:
0448 – suspicious situation, Owen
0836 – assist other department, Church St.
0837 – assist other department, Church St.
0837 – assist other department, Church St.
0839 – assist other department, Church St.
0854 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
0932 – prisoner check, S. Wayne
0938 – follow up, Harris
1009 – malicious destruction of property, Light Tower Ct.
1101 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1103 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1142 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.
1226 – lost property, W. Columbia Ave.
1525 – suspicious vehicle, Santa Clara St.
2207 – shots fired, Victorian Ln.
2248 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, May 16:
0019 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0927 – suspicious person, Henry St.
1025 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
1119 – information, Rawsonville Elementary
1234 – mental, N. Edgemont Ave.

1420 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Dr.
1644 – missing person, Main St.
1712 – animal complaint, Main St./Third St.
1942 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1954 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2004 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave. / High
2126 – suicide or attempt, Main St.
Saturday, May 17:
1214 – suspicious situation, Main St./First St.
1349 – animal complaint, Biggs Ave.
2201 – agency assist, Maria’s
Also on this week’s log are 48 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 11:
1132 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
1321 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1345 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1529 – disorderly person, Elwell/Willis
1736 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1909 – felonious assault, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, May 12:
0038 – assault, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0920 – larceny, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1356 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1547 – traffic hazard, Willis/Sumpter
1611 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Willis
1627 – suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.
1729 – larceny, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1831 – warrant arrest, Stonecrest
1836 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1901 – warrant arrest, out of township
1937 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2213 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2346 – suspicious person, Willis/Lohr

Tuesday, May 13:
1253 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1432 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1441 – fraud report, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1804 – alarm, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2054 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
2110 – juvenile complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville

Wednesday, May 14:
0010 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0138 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0309 – suspicious person, Wilmot/Judd
0729 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0733 – breaking & entering, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1109 – mental health commitment, 46000 bl. Kozma

1152 – larceny, Magnolia
1313 – harassment complaint, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1339 – down wires, Arkona/Sumpter
1429 – subpoena service, Country Club
1557 – warrant arrest, out of township
1758 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1822 – subpoena service, 11000 bl. Meadows Ln.
1948 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2023 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2232 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2343 – suspicious incident, Virginia

Thursday, May 15:
0723 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0750 – subpoena service, Country Club
0906 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Kozma
1008 – subpoena service, 11000 bl. Meadows Ln.
1225 – dumping complaint, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1254 – suspicious incident, Third St.
1415 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1503 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1756 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1837 – subpoena service, Country Club
1840 – larceny, Country Club
2342 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Martinsville
Friday, May 16:
0046 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0409 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0707 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0808 – fire dept. assist, Third St.
0822 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0901 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1113 – animal complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1459 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1557 – personal injury accident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

1729 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1811 – warrant arrest, Stonecrest
1842 – larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2320 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter/Willis

Saturday, May 17:
0118 – fire dept. assist, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz
0157 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter
1510 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1530 – property damage accident, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1543 – suspicious incident, Third St.
1754 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1806 – larceny, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1907 – ordinance violation, 20000 bl. Haggerty
2143 – citizen assist, 43000 Judd Rd.
2257 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 46 miscellaneous details, 180 patrol checks, and 70 traffic stops.

Suspect

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appropriate.
Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said police believe the shooting happened after a dispute over missing marijuana. Patrick allegedly claimed Strunk took marijuana and owed him money for “6 g’s” worth.

Chief Berriman said a female witness confirmed the shooting.

Chief Berriman said Cpl. Todd Schrecengost talked to Patrick’s mother and convinced her to bring in her son to the police station. She did and also brought the .22 caliber pistol, which is believed to have been used in the shooting.

Berriman said a reserve officer and other officers helped in getting the case together.

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BHS sets 'Genocide Awareness' event on May 28 at football field

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Wednesday, May 28, 11th grade students at Belleville High School's New Tech will host a Genocide Awareness Night.

Student Verniece Lowe explains that "genocide is the intent to harm a particular racial, ethnic, or religious group."

This event will be held at the BHS football field from 6-8 p.m. Students will showcase various ways to promote genocide awareness through fun and

engaging activities.

The community is invited to attend the event to help raise awareness, Lowe said.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, New Tech students Eric Robinson and John Couperthwaite asked the council to approve the following agreement on genocide:

"We the citizens of Belleville affirm that genocide is an atrocity and will do anything within our power to identify, prevent, and stop genocide in the area."

The council unanimously passed the agreement.

The students said they couldn't affect federal or state government, so they bumped on down to the city council.

"This is where we would like to start," said Couperthwaite, adding that genocide is unlikely to start in this area.

Councilman Tom Fielder, who asked at the beginning of the meeting that the students be added to the agenda, said they couldn't wait to be put on the next agenda since their assignment has to be done by May 28.

The students said other groups are having genocide awareness events and selling wristbands for funds. They said they were shown the "Hotel Rwanda" movie earlier that day.

Cozadd Rotary Foundation awards three new grants

On March 20, David C. Brown, president of The Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation, announced the awarding of three new grants to support the work of non-profit entities serving the local area.

Grant recipients are as follows:

- Michigan Aerospace Foundation -- \$10,000 for informational or educational exhibits;
- Belleville Area Museum -- \$3,600 for computer system, scanner, storage and recording hardware; and
- Ms. Molly foundation -- \$1,500 for Survivor Care Kits for Wayne County shelter for domestic violence victims.

The Cozadd Rotary Foundation is a funding arm of the Belleville Rotary Club. It was named in honor of Mr. Charles B. Cozadd whose was the impetus for the creation of the foundation.

No individuals or individual projects are funded by the Cozadd Foundation and all funded projects have community-wide benefit.

Funding requests are received for consideration in March and September.

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